

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as shown below, in which added terms are indicated with underscoring and/or deleted terms are indicated with strikethrough. Also, please add new claims 21-23 shown below.

1. (Currently Amended) A door for a vehicle comprising:

a door beam;

an inner frame having a section of C shape and located at the side of the passenger's space;

and

a lower frame, extending in a longitudinal direction of the vehicle and forming a closed section with an outer panel.

2. (Previously Presented) A door for a vehicle according to claim 1, further comprising:

a front frame member arranged on the front side of the vehicle and a rear frame member arranged on the rear side of the vehicle, said front and rear frame members are connected by the inner frame and the lower frame.

3. (Withdrawn and Currently amended) A door for a vehicle comprising:

a lower frame arranged in a lower portion of a door body, extending in a longitudinal direction of the vehicle;

an outside plate forming a surface of the vehicle body, arranged outside of the lower frame;

and

an outer panel having an inside plate folded back at a lower end portion of the outside plate, the inside plate extending to the inside of the vehicle relative to the lower frame; and

an inner frame having a section of C shape and located at the side of the passenger's space, wherein

the lower frame and the outer panel are joined to each other to form a closed cross section in a lower portion of the door body.

4. (Withdrawn and Currently amended) A door for a vehicle comprising:

a door body including a front frame member arranged on the front side of the vehicle, a rear frame member arranged on the rear side of the vehicle and a lower frame for connecting the front frame member with the rear frame member;

an inner frame having a section of C shape and located at the side of the passenger's space;
and

an outer panel including an outside plate forming a surface of the vehicle in the lower frame outside of the vehicle and an inside plate folded back at a lower end portion of the outside plate, the inside plate extending to the inside of the vehicle relative to the lower frame, wherein

the lower frame and the outer panel are joined to each other to form a closed cross section in a lower portion of the door body.

5. (Withdrawn) The door for a vehicle according to claim 3, wherein

the lower frame includes an inside flange fixed to the inside plate and an outside flange connected to the outside plate relatively displaced with respect to the outside plate.

6. (Withdrawn) The door for a vehicle according to claim 4, wherein
the lower frame includes an inside flange fixed to the inside plate and an outside flange
connected to the outside plate relatively displaced with respect to the outside plate.
7. (Withdrawn) The door for a vehicle according to claim 5, wherein
the outside flange is connected to the outside plate by an adhesive sealing member.
8. (Withdrawn) The door for a vehicle according to claim 6, wherein
the outside flange is connected to the outside plate by an adhesive sealing member.
9. (Withdrawn) The door for a vehicle according to claim 5, wherein
the inside flange extends upward along the inside plate.
10. (Withdrawn) The door for a vehicle according to claim 6, wherein
the inside flange extends upward along the inside plate.
11. (Withdrawn) The door for a vehicle according to claim 3, wherein
the outer panel is press formed.
12. (Withdrawn) The door for a vehicle according to claim 4, wherein
the outer panel is press formed.

13. (Currently amended) A door for a vehicle comprising:

an inner frame arranged in a door body inside the vehicle, extending in a longitudinal direction of the vehicle and located at the side of the passenger's space, wherein

the inner frame includes an opening with a substantial C-shape cross section, extending in the longitudinal direction, and is arranged in the door body so that the opening is directed outside the vehicle.

14. (Currently amended) A door for a vehicle comprising a door body,

the door body including: a front frame member arranged on a front side of the vehicle; a rear frame member arranged on a rear side of the vehicle; and an inner frame located at the side of the passenger's space and connecting the front frame member with the rear frame member inside the vehicle, wherein

the inner frame includes an opening with a substantial C-shape cross section, extending in a longitudinal direction, and is arranged in the door body so that the opening is directed outside the vehicle.

15. (Previously presented) The door for a vehicle according to claim 13, wherein

the inner frame includes a pair of flanges extending from upper and lower portions of the inner frame toward the inside of the opening, and

a width of each flange in a vertical direction is set at 1/4 to 1/2 of the width in the vertical direction of a base portion which forms the corresponding upper or lower portion, and a cross section

of which is C-shaped.

16. (Previously presented) The door for a vehicle according to claim 14, wherein the inner frame includes a pair of flanges extending from upper and lower portions of the inner frame toward the inside of the opening, and a width of each flange in a vertical direction is set at $1/4$ to $1/2$ of the width in the vertical direction of a base portion which forms the corresponding upper or lower portion, and a cross section of which is C-shaped.

17. (Previously presented) The door for a vehicle according to claim 15, wherein a width of the inner frame in a width direction of the vehicle is set at $1/6$ to $1/1$ of a width in the vertical direction of the base portion.

18. (Previously presented) The door for a vehicle according to claim 16, wherein a width of the inner frame in a width direction of the vehicle is set at $1/6$ to $1/1$ of a width in the vertical direction of the base portion.

19. (Previously presented) The door for a vehicle according to claim 13, wherein a connecting portion connecting a side of the inner frame inside the vehicle with upper and lower leg portions extending from upper and lower end portions of the side toward the outside of the vehicle is curved.

20. (Previously presented) The door for a vehicle according to claim 14, wherein
a connecting portion connecting a side of the inner frame inside the vehicle with upper and
lower leg portions extending from upper and lower end portions of the side toward the outside of the
vehicle is curved.

21. (New) A door for a vehicle according to claim 1, wherein:
an opening of said inner frame defined by said C shape section extends in the
longitudinal direction of the vehicle, is directed outside the vehicle, and expands to an open
space within said inner frame,
whereby said inner frame may be deformed to provide a buffer action when an occupant
of the vehicle bumps against the door so as to apply an impact force with an intensity greater than
a predetermined value to the upper inner frame.

22. (New) A door for a vehicle according to claim 13, wherein:
an opening of said inner frame defined by said C shape section extends in the
longitudinal direction of the vehicle, is directed outside the vehicle, and expands to an open
space within said inner frame,
whereby said inner frame may be deformed to provide a buffer action when an occupant
of the vehicle bumps against the door so as to apply an impact force with an intensity greater than
a predetermined value to the upper inner frame.

23. (New) A door for a vehicle according to claim 14, wherein:
an opening of said inner frame defined by said C shape section extends in the
longitudinal direction of the vehicle, is directed outside the vehicle, and expands to an open
space within said inner frame,
whereby said inner frame may be deformed to provide a buffer action when an occupant
of the vehicle bumps against the door so as to apply an impact force with an intensity greater than
a predetermined value to the upper inner frame.